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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY: THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (OSC) BEGAN IN NEW YORK ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 26. OSC CHAIRMAN PETER JANKOWITSCH OF AUSTRIA, UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS MIKHAIL SYTENKO, AND OUTER SPACE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LUBOS PEREK MADE OPENING STATEMENTS. PAKISTAN (SALIM MEHMUD) OPENED THE GENERAL DEBATE. END SUMMARY.

2. OSC CHAIRMAN JANKOWITSCH NOTED DIFFERENCES OF OPINION OVER REMOTE SENSING, DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES, AND GEOSTATIONARY ORBITS, AND HOPED THERE COULD BE MOVEMENT TOWARD CONSENSUS IN THESE AREAS. ALSO NOTED THE LACK OF CONSENSUS ON USE OF NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN OUTER SPACE, BUT TRUSTED OSC WILL BE ABLE TO  
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CONSIDER THE MATTER AND TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY SHOULD IT DECIDE TO TAKE UP THE SUBJECT.

3. HE ANNOUNCED PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF WORK PROVIDING FOR (1) GENERAL DEBATE IN MORNINGS AND DISCUSSIONS OF REPORTS OF LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE (STSC) DURING AFTERNOONS OF

FIRST WEEK; (2) DISCUSSION OF QUESTION OF CONVENING UN CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE ON JULY 3; AND (3) DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS AND REPORT OF OSC TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY REST OF SECOND WEEK. BRAZILIAN, CARLOS MORREA GARCIA, ELECTED OSC RAPPOREUR, REPLACING MINISTER LINDENBERG SETTE.

4. MIKHAIL SYSTENKO, SHEVCHENKO REPLACEMENT AS UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS, DELIVERED A SHORT, GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC STATEMENT ON GOALS OF THE OSC.

5. GENERAL DEBATE BEGAN WITH A STATEMENT BY PAKISTANI REP SELIM MEHMUD. ON REMOTE SENSING HE (1) EMPHASIZED NEED TO DEVELOP GROUND FACILITIES, (2) SUPPORTED STSC'S CONTINUING STUDY OF IMAGERY RESOLUTION TO INSURE AREA OF FREE DISSIMINATION OF DATA, (3) STRESSED SENSED STATES SHOULD HAVE FREE ACCESS TO DATA ON IT AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REMOTE SENSING, (4) SUPPORTED CREATION OF A PANEL OF EXPERTS WITH ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND (5) STATED PAKISTAN INTENDS TO ESTABLISH GROUND STATION WHICH COULD BE USED AS UN-SPONSORED TRAINING CENTER. HE SUPPORTED HOLDING OF UN WORLD CONFERENCE ON SPACE. ON NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN SPACE, MEHMUD FAVORED CREATION OF AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO UNCLASSIFIED

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STUDY THE QUESTION AND TO SUGGEST STEPS TO ELIMINATE THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS. HE PROPOSED THAT ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN SPACE SHOULD BE WATCHED AND COORDINATED BY UN AND THAT AN INTERNATIONAL SPACE AGENCY SIMILAR TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE. LEONARD

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